

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“6th SUNDAY OF EASTER”

May 14th, 2023

Dallas United Methodist Church

Liturgical Color – White



TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*“Yet, he is actually not far from each one of us,
for ‘In him we live and move and have our being.’”*

- Acts 17:27b-28a

* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

arr. by David Angerman (ASCAP)

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and we will tell what God has done for us.

**God is the Sovereign of heaven and earth,
maker of this world and all within it.**

God has given to all mortals life and breath and every blessing.

Bless our God, O peoples!

Let the sound of God’s praise be heard.

Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God!

** I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

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PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

Maker and giver of all,

forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives:

when we walk through this world and fail to see

the wonder of you upholding our lives and all creation;

when we walk through our lives and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us;

when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence,

instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life

as each day rushes at us with its demands.

Open our eyes to your presence, God of love,

that we may lean on you—

for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

* AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

by Brian Miller

**We believe in God the Father, who created the world,
was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world.**

**We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ,
who humbled himself by becoming human and moving into our neighborhood;
was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God;
and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross.**

**We believe that three days later, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of God;
was seen in bodily form by his disciples.**

**We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness
and allows us to know the full love of God for the world.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus,
and sends us to show God's love for the world.**

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

Rachel Bird

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER / THREE-FOLD AMEN

(from the ritual of the former Methodist Church)

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL SELECTION

Choir

GOD'S WORD FOR US:

Acts 17:22-31

(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... the People respond: "Thanks BE to God")

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"WHO IS MY GOD?"

John Clary

* *Maker, in Whom We Live*

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* BENEDICTION

Wherever we are, we are in God.

**Wherever we are, we are in Christ,
and Christ is in us.**

Wherever we are, the Spirit abides with us and in us.

**We go forth in peace and hope,
upheld by God in every way.**

Let us go forth in faithfulness and trust.

May all see the Divine in and through us.

* *Blessed Assurance*

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THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday ... Ephesians 4:1-16

Tuesday ... Philemon 1:1-25

Wednesday ... 1 Corinthians 6:1-10

Thursday ... 1 Corinthians 3:5-23

Friday ... Romans 12:1-21

Saturday ... Colossians 3:5-17

Sunday ... Acts 1:6-14 ... Psalm 68:1-10 ... 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 ... John 17:1-11

INFORMATION FOR YOU

THANK YOU ... to our Scranton Wilkes-Barre District Lay Leader, John Clary, for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with us this morning! John and his wife, Cindy, live in Tunkhannock and faithfully attend and participate in the life of the church at Lake Winola UMC. An attorney, John is currently the President of the Wyoming / Sullivan Counties Bar Association.

THANK YOU ... to Patti DelGaudio, our Lay Leader, for leading Worship this morning.

COVERED DISH AND AUCTION ... Our SISTER CIRCLE is hosting a *Covered Dish and Auction* THIS Tuesday, May 16th, at 5:00 PM. Please plan to join us for good food and good fellowship to raise funds for different mission projects the SISTER CIRCLE cares for throughout the year. Even if you have not signed up, please come.

We would greatly appreciate it if a few men could stay following Worship TODAY to set up the tables for the meal.

Because the meal is downstairs in the basement of the church, and recognizing that some have difficulty using steps / stairways, you may enter the basement using the door into the Head Start area. We have checked with Head Start and they are okay with us using their entrance after the children are finished for the day. So, if using this entrance would make it easier for you to join us, please do so.

CHOIR PRACTICE ... Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. New members are always welcome.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ... Our Church Office will be closed THIS Wednesday, May 17th.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ... will meet Thursday, May 25th, at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Lounge. **Reports are due to the church office by THIS Thursday, May 18th**, in order to be printed and ready for distribution next Sunday, May 21st.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS ... the May-June editions are available on the table in the Prayer Room and the bench in the church entranceway.

BULLETIN BOARDS ... Please be sure to check out our bulletin boards in the church entranceway. There you will find events, activities, and needs from our church, our Scranton Wilkes-Barre district, our Susquehanna Conference, and our community.

QUILTING GROUP # 1 ... will meet this Tuesday from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. This group meets in the Wesley Room making “ugly sleeping bags” for MY BROTHERS KEEPER MINISTRIES. For more information please contact Judy Donlin (570-675-2693).

QUILTING GROUP # 2 ... will meet this Wednesday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Please bring your own lunch. This group meets in the Wesley Room making “PROJECT DJ QUILTS” (for ill children) and “QUILTS OF VALOR” (for veterans). For more information please contact Judy Donlin (570-675-2693).